



# County of San Diego

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## **Community Corrections Partnership Meeting Minutes July 23, 2013**

**CCP Executive Committee Members Present:** Mack Jenkins (Chief Probation Officer); Lisa Rodriguez on behalf of Bonnie Dumanis (District Attorney); Will Brown on behalf of William Gore, (Sheriff); Nick Macchione (Director, Health and Human Services Agency); Randy Mize on behalf of Henry Coker (Public Defender's Office)

**CCP Committee Members Present:** Ron Lane (Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, PSG); Dr. Cynthia Burke (Director, SANDAG), Mark Nanzer (Director, San Diego Workforce Partnership)

### **Welcome and Introductions**

All of the Executive and Committee CCP members in attendance introduced themselves.

### **California Department of Justice (DOJ)**

Assistant Chief Arwen Flint & Deputy Attorney General Sharon Owsely reported on a California Department of Justice data sharing initiative. The initiative will integrate regional and local data systems. The new system will compile key elements of various data systems to create an offender profile that can be accessed by supervision and law enforcement officers. The system will also include an executive dashboard, automated alerts and the ability to electronically transfer offenders from one jurisdiction to another.

### **SB678 Update**

Christine White, Supervising Probation Officer for the San Diego County Probation Department, highlighted three elements of the SB678 Plan 1) Train Probation managers in Evidence Based Practices (EBP) 2) Use an Incentives and Sanctions Continuum and 3) Provide Enhanced Services to High Risk Probationers.

Supervisor White explained that probationers assessed as high risk on the COMPAS assessment tool are targeted for Evidence Based Service Provider (EBPSP) assistance. Funding covers roughly 300 offenders at any given time. Programs run approximately 6- 9 months, but can be longer if a residential treatment

*Protect community safety, reduce crime and assist victims through offender accountability and rehabilitation.*

program is needed. There are currently 283 probationers receiving services under EBPS. Of these, 245 are in outpatient treatment programs, 21 are participating in Telecare, and 17 are enrolled in a residential treatment program. Probation officers utilize Integrated Behavioral Intervention Strategies, or IBIS, to increase engagement of offenders under supervision.

It was suggested that housing needs be considered when analyzing treatment success. Supervisor White noted the suggestion.

### **SB678 Spending Plan**

Dr. Natalie Pearl, Research Director for the San Diego County Probation Department, presented the proposed spending plan (below) for fiscal year 2013-2014 and 2014-2015:

SB678 PROPOSED SPENDING PLAN		
	FY 13/14	FY 14/15
1. Salaries and benefits	\$ 685,591	\$ 685,591
2. Treatment Services	\$ 2,800,000	\$ 2,800,000
3. Community Resource Directory (CRD)	\$ 60,000	\$ 60,000
4. Professional Development	\$ 35,000	\$ 35,000
5. Incentives	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 3,595,591	\$ 3,595,591
6. Evaluation of Effectiveness (5%)	\$ 179,780	\$ 179,780
GRAND TOTAL:	\$ 3,775,371	\$ 3,775,371

The proposed SB678 spending plan for FYs 13-14 and 14-15 can be found on the CCP website. ([http://www.sdcounty.ca.gov/probation/docs/SB678\\_Proposed\\_Spending\\_Plan\\_Jul-2013.pdf](http://www.sdcounty.ca.gov/probation/docs/SB678_Proposed_Spending_Plan_Jul-2013.pdf) ).

Finally, Dr. Pearl, publically recognized the following four Probation Aides for their work with SB678: Eva Fedak, Yvette Maclean, Julieta Espiritu and Gerlind Thurber. The individuals stood and were recognized.

### **SANDAG SB678 Report Update**

Dr. Cindy Burke, Director of Criminal Justice Research for SANDAG, reported on the SB678 evaluation. The full evaluation will include three reports and conclude in December 2015. The first report found that since implementation, the number of probationers returned to state and local prison decreased 10% from 1,606 offenders at baseline to 1,446 offenders in 2012. Dr. Burke highlighted that San Diego County received over \$8 million in additional funding to enhance intervention efforts for high-risk probationers.

She noted that Directors and Supervisors in Probation's Adult Field Services received in- depth training in proven supervision strategies in a Leadership Academy and that enhanced supervision of offenders under high-risk supervision was in place. Also noted was that referrals to services around the region have been made available through new contracts with providers who address underlying criminogenic needs. Full implementation of all strategies is anticipated by 2013 year-end.

Dr. Burke noted the following as next steps to completing the full evaluation study:

- Finalizing data sharing agreement for recidivism data
- Probationer and Probation Officer surveys, data from service providers, fidelity measurement, and Group 3 sample selection
- Second report to be released in June, 2014. This report will include Group 2 descriptive information, probations and PO survey results, HHSA data summaries, and fidelity measurements of EBP
- The third and final report will be released in December 2015

#### **AB109 Public Safety Realignment Update**

Scott Huizar, Director of the Post Release Offender Division for the San Diego County Probation Department reported on Public Safety Realignment's impact on Probation. Director Huizar noted that since the implementation of AB109 in October of 2011, there have been 3,579 Post Release Community Supervision (PRCS) offenders released to probation supervision in San Diego County. As of June 2013, probation officers were supervising a total of 2,576 realigned offenders. Of these, 2,278 were PRCS offenders and 298 were offenders under Mandatory Supervision (MS). Through June 2013, 477 PRCS offenders had earned an early discharge from supervision after completing 6 months of supervision. To qualify for an early discharge, the offender must not have violated the terms of their supervision or incurred any revocations, had no positive drug tests and completed all ordered treatment. In addition to those discharged at 6 months, 366 PRCS offenders were discharged after completing 12 consecutive months without any custodial violations.

Director Huizar also presented an update on the Community Transition Center (CTC) which opened on January 7, 2013. On their day of release, PRCS offenders are transported directly to the CTC from prison. This practice allows officers to immediately engage with offenders and has reduced the count of those who initially fail to appear to zero. Upon arrival at the CTC, an assessment to determine risks and needs is conducted as well as an evaluation of physical and behavioral health issues. A case plan is developed and appropriate linkages are made to community based services. During the month of June 2013, 67% of the offenders were referred to Behavioral Health Services. Of those referred, 56% were Alcohol and Drug referrals, 17% were Mental Health referrals, and 27% were Co-Occurring or Dual Diagnosed.

Director Huizar reported that since its opening, there have been 769 total assessments at the CTC. Approximately 12% have tested positive upon arrival for a controlled substance. When a positive result occurs, the offender receives immediate onsite detoxification services. Transitional housing is also available onsite and offenders can stay up to 7 days. Since its opening, 36% of offenders have utilized transitional housing with an average stay of 4 days. All offenders are transported out of the center, either to a residence, shelter or a treatment facility.

Director Huizar complimented the Sheriff's Department, Public Defender, District Attorney's office, and the Probation Department for their multi-disciplinary approach to the supervision of the Mandatory Supervision Offenders. Director Huizar reported that since Mandatory Supervision Court began, 156 individuals have participated in a pre-release hearing and 140 status report hearings have been conducted. He also highlighted that Mandatory Supervision offenders have a comprehensive needs assessment completed to determine the necessary linkages for successful reintegration into the community. Some of those referrals include:

- Residential Drug Treatment
- Outpatient Drug Treatment
- Cognitive Behavioral Therapy
- Mental Health Services
- Parenting Courses
- Work Readiness Programs
- Anti-theft Courses
- Anger Management Courses

Director Huizar also highlighted future challenges, including housing resources and Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT) for the realigned population.

Chief Probation Officer, Mack Jenkins stated that split sentencing continues to be an active conversation among all counties statewide and noted that there is discussion to change the necessary legal language to make 1170h sentences presumptively split.

#### **Public Comment**

There were no requests for public comment.

#### **Meeting Wrap-Up**

There being no other comments, Chief Probation Officer Mack Jenkins adjourned the meeting.

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